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P 102000Z NOV 77 FM AMCONSUL VANCOUVER TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3857 INFO AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: ENRG. CA

SUBJECT: WEST COAST OIL PORTS INQUIRY SUSPENDED

REF: A. VANCOUVER 1103 B. VANCOUVER 1105

- 1. UPON RETURN FROM OTTAWA NOVEMBER 9, COMMISSIONER THOMPSON ANNOUNCED IN STRAIGHT FORWARD MANNER THAT INQUIRY HAS BEEN SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY BECAUSE THERE ARE NO OIL PORT APPLICATIONS TO REVIEW. ADDITIONALLY, HE SAID HE AND OTTAWA SEE NO URGENCY IN THE MATTER SINCE CANADA IS NOT NOW A NET OIL IMPORTER AND THE OIL-SHORT U.S. NORTHERN TIER STATES CAN GET CRUDE SUPPLIES BY ALTERNATIVE ROUTES. THOMPSON DENIED OTTAWA HAD ARBITRARILY HALTED THE INQUIRY BY CUTTING OFF FUNDING.
- 2. THOMPSON SAID HE WOULD RECONVENE THE INQUIRY IN THE EVENT A COMPANY OR CONSORTIUM WANTS TO PLACE BEFORE IT A "SERIOUS PROPOSAL" THAT HAS NET ALL LEGAL REQUIREMENTS. IN THE MEANTIME, HE SAID, HE AND HIS STAFF WOULD PREPARE AN INTERIM REPORT TO BE COMPLETED IN JANUARY.
- 3. B.C. WILDLIFE FEDERATION SPOKESMAN CRITICIZED THOMPSON AND LINCLASSIFIED

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OTTAWA FOR SPENDING 1 MILLION DOLS BEFORE ADMITTING "A COMMISSION OF THIS NATURE CAN T HANDLE THE QUESTION". HE ADDED THAT NEB, EMR AND FEA SHOULD HAVE HANDLED THE OIL PORT QUESTION IN THE FIRST INSTANCE.
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